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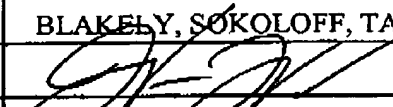
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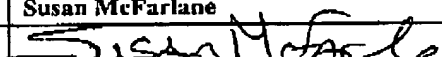
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Independent Claims	8	0	\$0.00
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1201	200	2201	100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	350	2203	150	Multiple Dependent claims, if not paid
1204	750	2204	350	*Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	300	2205	150	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	1,020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,690	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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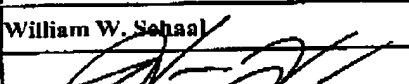
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant is assuming that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is to be taken in light of the structure and interaction recited in the claims. Applicant notes that the Examiner's various comments should not be used to read non-existent limitations into the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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